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~~48.~~ (New) The multi-domain liquid crystal display device of claim ⁴⁷~~47~~, wherein the electric field induction window includes a slit.

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~~49.~~ (New) The multi-domain liquid crystal display device of claim ³⁶~~41~~, further comprising an alignment film on at least one of the first and second substrates.

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~~50.~~ (New) The multi-domain liquid crystal display device of claim ³⁶~~41~~, further comprising a phase difference film on at least one of the first and second substrates.

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~~51.~~ (New) The multi-domain liquid crystal display device of claim ³⁶~~41~~, further comprising a dielectric structure on the second substrate, the dielectric structure dividing each pixel region into a plurality of domains; and at least one or more additional structures formed at an end portion of the dielectric structure with the pixel region. ✓

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of May 31, 2002 has been received and contents carefully reviewed. The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowance of claims 12 and 13. Claims 1-13 and 18-51 are pending in the current application, claims 14 and 18-21 having been canceled by this Amendment and claims 22-51 having been added by this Amendment.

In the Office Action of May 31, 2002, claims 1-7, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,608,556 to Koma (hereinafter "Koma"). Claims 11, 19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koma, as applied to claims 1 and 14, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,081,315 to

Matsuyama et al. (hereinafter "Matsuyama et al."). Claims 8, 9 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koma, as applied to claims 1 and 14, in view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0043,305 A1 to Ohmuro et al. (hereinafter "Ohmuro et al."). The rejection of the claims is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claims 14 and 18-21 have been canceled by this Amendment, and therefore, Applicants do not discuss the rejection of those claims here in that Applicants submit that such rejections are moot. In addition, claims 15-17 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 12. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 15-17 are allowable by virtue of their dependence on allowable claims 12. Therefore, the rejection of claims 15-17 are not addressed herein in that Applicants submits that such rejection is moot.

The rejection of claim 1 (as amended) and claims 2-7 and 10, which depend from claim 1, is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1, 2-7 and 10 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a dielectric structure on a second substrate, the dielectric structure dividing each pixel region into a plurality of domains; at least one or more additional structures formed at an end portion of the dielectric structure within the pixel region." None of the cited references, including Koma, singly or in combination, discloses, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-7 and 10, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over the cited references.

Similarly, the rejection of dependent claim 11, which depends from claim 1, is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 11 is allowable over the cited

references in that this claim recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a dielectric structure on a second substrate, the dielectric structure dividing each pixel region into a plurality of domains; at least one or more additional structures formed at an end portion of the dielectric structure within the pixel region.” None of the cited references, including Koma and Matsuyama et al., singly or in combination, discloses, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 is allowable over the cited references.

Similarly, the rejection of dependent claims 8 and 9, which depend from claim 1, is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 8 and 9 are allowable over the cited references in that this claim recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a dielectric structure on a second substrate, the dielectric structure dividing each pixel region into a plurality of domains; at least one or more additional structures formed at an end portion of the dielectric structure within the pixel region.” None of the cited references, including Koma and Ohmuro et al., singly or in combination, discloses, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8 and 9 allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7463.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A multi-domain liquid crystal display device comprising:
a first substrate defined by a plurality of pixel regions;
a common auxiliary electrode around each pixel region on the first substrate;
a dielectric structure on a second substrate, the dielectric structure [being divided]
dividing each pixel region into a plurality of domains;
[an additional structure compensating electric field around a corner portion within
each pixel region; and]
at least one or more additional structures formed at an end portion of the dielectric
structure within the pixel region; and
a liquid crystal layer between the first substrate and the second substrate.

15. (Amended) The multi-domain liquid crystal display device of [claim 14] claim
12, wherein each pixel region is divided into at least three domains.

16. (Amended) The multi-domain liquid crystal display device of [claim 14] claim
12, wherein the dielectric structures have a zig-zag shape.

17. (Amended) The multi-domain liquid crystal display device of [claim 14] claim
12, wherein the common auxiliary electrodes have an extension portion electrically connected
with the common auxiliary electrode of a neighboring pixel region.

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